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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Kenji Fukudome and Charles T. Esmon

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For: *CLONING AND REGULATION OF AN ENDOTHELIAL CELL
PROTEIN C/ACTIVATED PROTEIN C RECEPTOR*

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

AMENDMENT

Sir:

Responsive to the Advisory Action mailed on July 15, 2002, and further to the Appeal Brief submitted concurrently, please amend the application as follows. It is believed that no fee is required with this submission. However, should an additional fee be required, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the fee to Deposit Account No. 50-1868.

In the Claims

17. (amended) The method of claim 16 wherein the compound is selected from the group consisting of antibodies and fragments of antibodies to the receptor, [nucleic acid sequences inhibiting expression of the receptor,] and synthetic or natural compounds other than proteins, or peptides [or nucleic acid sequences] which inhibit binding.

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